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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE GRANTED PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATION TO THE  
FUNERAL OF PM COMPTON, 9/18-19, 2007

REF: STATE 130471

¶11. Embassy Bridgetown warmly welcomes and grants country clearance  
for the Presidential Delegation to attend the funeral of the late  
Prime Minister Sir John Compton in St. Lucia, from September 18-19,  
¶2007.

¶12. Members of the Presidential Delegation include:

The Honorable Alphonso Jackson, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban  
Development, Head of Delegation

Mrs. Marcia Jackson, spouse of the Secretary of Housing and Urban  
Development

Mr. Andrew McGarrity, Protocol Officer

Mr. Gary Berry, Security Officer to Secretary Jackson

¶13. The Control Officer for this visit is Political Officer Tyler  
Allen. Mr. Allen can be reached on his cell phone at (246)  
826-1037. All arrangements have been coordinated through emails and  
phone calls.

¶14. Entry requirements: A valid U.S. passport is required to enter  
St. Lucia. No visa is required if your stay is under six months,  
including those travelers arriving with diplomatic or official  
passports.

¶15. Restrictions: The laws of Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda, St.  
Lucia, Grenada, Dominica, and St. Kitts and Nevis prohibit  
non-military personnel from wearing any articles of camouflage  
clothing. Immigration officers in these countries randomly check  
visitor's baggage on arrival at the airport; if items of restriction  
are found, you will be asked to surrender them to the officers.

¶16. ICASS TDY Policy: Each visitor, regardless of length of stay,  
must bring/forward fiscal data to pay for direct costs of the visit.

Each agency, organization or visiting delegation will be charged  
for the actual costs attributed to its visit. Direct charge costs  
include, but are not limited to: airport transportation and  
expediting; driving services; American and LES overtime (for such  
services as airport expediting, cashier accommodation exchange,  
control room staffing, representational event support); travel and  
per diem costs incurred by post personnel in support of visitor's  
field travel; rental of vehicles and other equipment; long distance  
telephone calls; office supplies, procurement/small purchasing;  
departure tax and other airport fees. Post will not provide service  
if fiscal data is not provided for the direct charges.

For TDYers remaining at post over 30 days, there is a charge for  
ICASS support services. This charge is for the following ICASS  
services: Basic Package, CLO and Health Services. Agencies will  
not be billed until the accumulated invoice cost for TDY support  
exceeds \$2,500 for the fiscal year. If your sponsoring agency is

not signed up for ICASS services at post, please be prepared to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for ICASS support services upon arrival. The agency should provide post with a written communication, generated by the traveler's headquarters, that confirms the agency will pay ICASS charges for the TDYer, provides the agency ICASS billing code to which the TDY support charges should be applied, and authorizes the traveler to sign the ICASS invoice generated by the TDY module. Where travel is urgent, the TDYer should bring this documentation with him/her to ensure there are no interruptions in the provision of service. Post will not provide any service to a TDYer staying in excess of thirty days without provision of this documentation before day 31 of the TDY."

17. The following is general information pertaining to security and health considerations throughout the Eastern Caribbean:

#### Security

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In the Eastern Caribbean, foot travel outside of well-established tourist areas is not generally recommended, especially at night. Be vigilant when using public telephones or ATM machines near roadsides or quiet areas. As in many U.S. metropolitan areas, wearing expensive jewelry, carrying expensive objects, or carrying large amounts of cash should be avoided. Visitors should also safeguard valuables while at the beach. While hotels are generally safe, many visitors have experienced loss of unattended items. Hotel burglaries are not uncommon and all valuables should be locked in room safes if possible.

#### Health Information

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Throughout the Eastern Caribbean, the most likely threat to a visitor's health is sunburn. It takes several weeks to become accustomed to the heat and humidity. Prolonged exposure to the sun, without protection, causes sunburn and may ultimately result in

sun-damaged skin or even skin cancer. Sunscreens should be used for protection. In Barbados, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent the major health threat is dengue fever, transmitted by mosquito. Dengue cases are most often seen in the summer months. Persons should therefore protect themselves with insect repellent. There is also a growing number of HIV/AIDS cases reported. The Eastern Caribbean enjoys clean and safe drinking water. Only routine boosters for immunizations (i.e. tetanus, diphtheria, and oral polio vaccine) are required when traveling to this region. Barbados has the best medical facilities of all the islands in the region and most of the medical specialties have practitioners here.

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